

BENEFITS BULLETIN

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SUBJECT: Open Season Webcasts

TO: All Employees

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The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) will be conducting informational webcasts covering Open Season programs **beginning November 6**. The webcast schedule and login information is online at <http://www.opm.gov/insure/openseason/webcast.asp>.

For complete instructions regarding Open Season for Federal Benefits, refer to Benefits Bulletin 12-11 online at <http://www.usgs.gov/humancapital/pb/documents/BenefitsBulletin12-11.pdf>.

Live Webcasts – go to <http://www.opm.gov/insure/openseason/webcast.asp>:

Introduction to Open Season	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is Open Season?• What benefit programs are involved?• How do I enroll?• What are the effective dates?• Where can I get help?	Tuesday, November 6th <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1:30-2:30pm ET• 12:30-1:30pm CT• 11:30am-12:30pm MT• 10:30-11:30am Pacific
The Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What dental and vision benefits are available?• Why would I need supplemental dental and vision insurance?• How much does it cost?• How do I pick a plan?	Tuesday, November 13th <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1:30-2:30pm ET• 12:30-1:30pm CT• 11:30am-12:30pm MT• 10:30-11:30am Pacific
The Federal Flexible Spending Account Program (FSAFEDS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is a flexible spending account?• How does it work?• What expenses are eligible for reimbursement?• Where can I get more information?	Thursday, November 15th <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1:30-2:30pm ET• 12:30-1:30pm CT• 11:30am-12:30pm MT• 10:30-11:30am Pacific

Recorded Webcasts – go to <http://www.opm.gov/insure/openseason/webcast.asp>:

The Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHB): Do I Have the Right Health Plan?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What kinds of health plans are available?• What should I consider in picking a health plan?• How can I compare health plans available to me?	<u>Available November 5, 2012</u>
Medicare and the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is Medicare? Should I enroll?• How much does Medicare cost?• When can I enroll in Medicare?• How does Medicare coordinate benefits with the FEHB Program?	<u>Available November 5, 2012</u>

Questions?

Go to the AskHRO page at <http://www.usgs.gov/humancapital/hr/askhro.html> and click on the “Benefits & Retirement Servicing Assignments” pdf document link. A complete listing by organization is provided with name, phone, email and mailing address of your assigned Benefits Specialist.

All current & previous Benefits Bulletins are available on the Pay & Benefits webpage at <http://www.usgs.gov/humancapital/pb/benefitsbulletin.html>.